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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6355**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 129

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 10, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** State Police Service on Riverboats.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Ford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that the superintendent of the State Police Department may not require an employee to serve on a riverboat. The bill also provides that an employee of the State Police Department may not be discharged, demoted, temporarily suspended, or disciplined for refusing assignment to a riverboat.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2000 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Indiana State Police could incur minimal administrative time and cost in the reappointment of its state troopers who are already slated to serve on Indiana's riverboats but choose not to in light of the provisions of this bill. Also, the State Police could experience difficulty in filling nonvoluntary riverboat positions in the Riverboat Investigative Unit described below in the background section.

In addition, the State Police would likely experience administrative time and personnel costs in the reinstatement of back pay to its state troopers who were either discharged, demoted, temporarily suspended, or disciplined for refusing to serve on Indiana's riverboats before January 1, 2003.

The specific effects of this portion of the bill are currently indeterminable, and would depend upon various factors such as the number of state troopers who do not wish to voluntarily serve on Indiana's riverboats, the State Police's success at attracting state troopers to serve on Indiana's riverboats, the number of state troopers who were reprimanded in some fashion for opting not to serve on Indiana's riverboats before January 1, 2003, and the rank of each state trooper in question.

*Background Information:* The Gaming Enforcement Division currently falls under the purview of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation within the State Police. Of the estimated 550 personnel assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, approximately 115 are assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Division. (The Gaming Enforcement Division primarily consists of noncivilian personnel who hold the rank of “Trooper”.) The Gaming Enforcement Division is comprised of two units: (1) the Background Investigative Unit (BIU); and (2) the Riverboat Investigative Unit (RIU).

#### *Background Investigative Unit*

The BIU is responsible for conducting background investigations of the owners, key management personnel, and employees of the riverboat license holders and applicants, as well as riverboat supplier license holders and applicants. In addition, the BIU assists the RIU in long-term detailed gaming investigations. The BIU consists of approximately 10 to 15 personnel of whom most are enforcement officers.

#### *Riverboat Investigative Unit*

The RIU is responsible for serving as the enforcement arm of the Indiana Gaming Commission on Indiana’s ten riverboats. RIU personnel investigate violations of state law and Indiana Gaming Commission rules. The State Police assigns nine enforcement personnel to each riverboat, totaling approximately 90 enforcement personnel in all. The RIU is comprised of a North and South Division.

The State Police currently utilizes a one-year rotation system to fill vacancies within the RIU. (The BIU is permanently staffed.) It fills approximately 85% through a competitive hiring process and approximately 15% through a lottery system. The State Police report that when personnel are transferred to RIU from the Bureau of Field Operations (highway patrol), new recruits are used to fill those vacancies.

#### *Bureau of Field Operations*

The Bureau of Field Operations is comprised of three divisions: (1) the North Field Operations; (2) the Central Field Operations; and (3) the South Field Operations. Enforcement personnel of these three divisions total approximately 1,000.

There are approximately 2,000 authorized enforcement and civilian positions for the State Police in total.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

#### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Police.

#### **Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Steve Hillman, State Police, (317) 232-8204; State Personnel Table (October 2002).

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